

REMARKS

By the foregoing amendment, accompanying the enclosed Request for Continued Examination, new claim 21 is added. No new matter is contained in the amendments. Accordingly, claims 1-21 are pending in this application and subject to examination.

As a preliminary matter, the Applicants note with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 3, 4, 7, 10 and 14 of the present application.

In the Office Action mailed October 6, 2005, claims 12, 13, 15 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Aleksic et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,173,367, hereinafter "Aleksic"). Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 16 and 18-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Garrett (U.S. Patent No. 4,987,551) in view of Sawada (U.S. Patent No. 4,984,208). It is noted that new claim 21 has been added. To the extent that the rejections remain applicable to the claims currently pending, the Applicants traverse the rejections, as follows.

Claim 20 recites patentable Subject Matter

The Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claim 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Garrett in view of Sawada appears to be an error. In the preceding Office Action, mailed April 22, 2005, the Examiner had indicated claim 20 as being allowable if rewritten in independent form, over the same art. Furthermore, the Applicants note that claim 20 depends from claim 17, which is currently rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Aleksic. For at least these reasons, the

Applicants submit that the rejection of claim 20 is an error, and request withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 12 and 17 Recite Patentable Subject Matter

With respect to claims 12 and 17, Applicants respectfully submit that Aleksic fails to disclose or suggest each and every element of the claimed invention. For example, Aleksic fails to disclose or suggest at least the combination of features of “setting up, in a storage circuit in which image data is stored, a range of an image area in which the image data is written and a range of an additional area which is adjacent to the image area and in which data other than the image data is written, with information supplied to a memory space of said storage circuit as a parameter,” “writing the additional data other than the image data from external into the additional area in said storage circuit according to a first write control signal,” and “writing the image data at an address location of the image area in said storage circuit according to a second write control signal,” as recited in claims 12 and 17 (emphasis added).

According to the Office Action, the “Z data” discussed in Aleksic, column 4, lines 48-65, corresponds to the “additional data other than the image data,” recited in the presently pending claims. The Applicants respectfully submit, however, that the term “Z data” denotes the client the data is requested by, rather than characterizing the type of the data. As the specification states, “the video clients requesting service by the video system 100 include a video source (SRC) client, a video Z data client (Z), a 2D video destination (2D DST) client, and a 3D video destination (3D DST) client. See Aleksic, column 3, lines 1-4 (emphasis added).

For at least these reasons, the Applicants respectfully submit that claims 12 and 17 are allowable over the cited prior art.

Claims 1 and 16 Recite Patentable Subject Matter

With respect to claims 1 and 16, the Applicants respectfully submit that nothing in the cited prior art, taken alone or in combination, discloses or suggests at least the features of “an area adjustment circuit which sets up an additional area adjacent to an area in which the image data are actually stored in a memory space of said storage circuit and storing therein additional data other than the image data, which adjusts the address generated by said address generation circuit, and which reads out the image data from said storage circuit, including the additional data in the additional area, in response to the address and a read control signal supplied to said storage circuit, wherein the additional data are written in with an address of the additional area,” as recited in claims 1 and 16 (emphasis added).

For at least these reasons, the Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 16 are allowable over the cited prior art.

Claim 21 Recites Patentable Subject Matter

The Applicants respectfully submit that nothing in the prior art, taken alone or in combination, teaches or suggests at least the feature of the present invention of “setting up, in a storage circuit . . . an additional area which is adjacent to the image area and in which data other than the image data is written . . . wherein the additional data are teletext data,” as recited in new claim 21 of the present application.

For at least these reasons, the Applicants respectfully submit that claim 21 is allowable over the cited prior art.

Claims 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 18 and 19 Recite Patentable Subject Matter

Each of claims 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 18 and 19 depends from one of allowable claims 1, 12 or 16. Therefore, each of claims 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 18 and 19 incorporates each and every limitation recited within claims 1, 12 or 16. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 18 and 19 are allowable over the cited art for at least the same reasons as claims 1, 12 and 16.

Claims 3, 4, 7, 10 and 14 Recite Patentable Subject Matter

As the Examiner indicated in the Office Action, claims 3, 4, 7, 10 and 14 recite patentable subject matter.

Conclusion

For all of the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the claims now pending patentably distinguish the present invention from the cited references. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and an issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place this application into better form, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned representative at the number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referring to client-matter number 024354-00001.

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